

Douglas Trail #781

Recreation Opportunity Guide



Distance..... 7.7 miles (one way)
Elevation..... 2000-4400 feet
Snow Free June to October



Trail Highlights: The eastern section of this trail enters the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness Area. Views from the ridge along Wildcat Mountain are outstanding. This is a less visited trail so solitude is easier to find.

Trail Description: This trail begins at Plaza Trail #783 and ends at the road to Eagle Creek. Parking at the Upper Douglas Trailhead (old Wildcat rock pit) at 3600' elevation puts you in the middle of the Douglas Trail. **Going eastward** the trail climbs a newly reconstructed route along a forested ridge to McIntyre Ridge Trail and breaks out into views (4,400') near Wildcat Mt (4,480') (Wildcat Mt Trail #781F makes a side trip). The trail continues near the ridge (4,000') to its eastern end at Plaza Trail #783. **Going westward** the trail descends crossing some harvested areas, bumps up onto a closed paved road for almost a ½ mile and then continues descending down through classic west side forest to the old 255 spur road (2400') that can take you to Eagle Creek Trail #501. The last ¾ is a reroute done in 2005.

Regulations & Leave No Trace Information:

- Group size is limited to 12. Stock are counted in the group size. For example, 3 people riding their own horse plus a spare horse in the group for packing would make a group of 7.

Leave No Trace

- Plan Ahead and Prepare: Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies.
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces: Use established trails and campsites.
- Dispose of Waste Properly: Pack out all trash, leftover food and litter.
- Leave What You Find: Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.
- Minimize Campfire Impacts: Use established fire rings & keep fires small.
- Respect Wildlife: Control pets at all times.
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors: Avoid loud voices and noises.

For information on **Leave No Trace**, go to www.LNT.org or call 1-800-332-4100

For current trail conditions and more recreation information go to:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/mthood>

Map and driving directions on next page

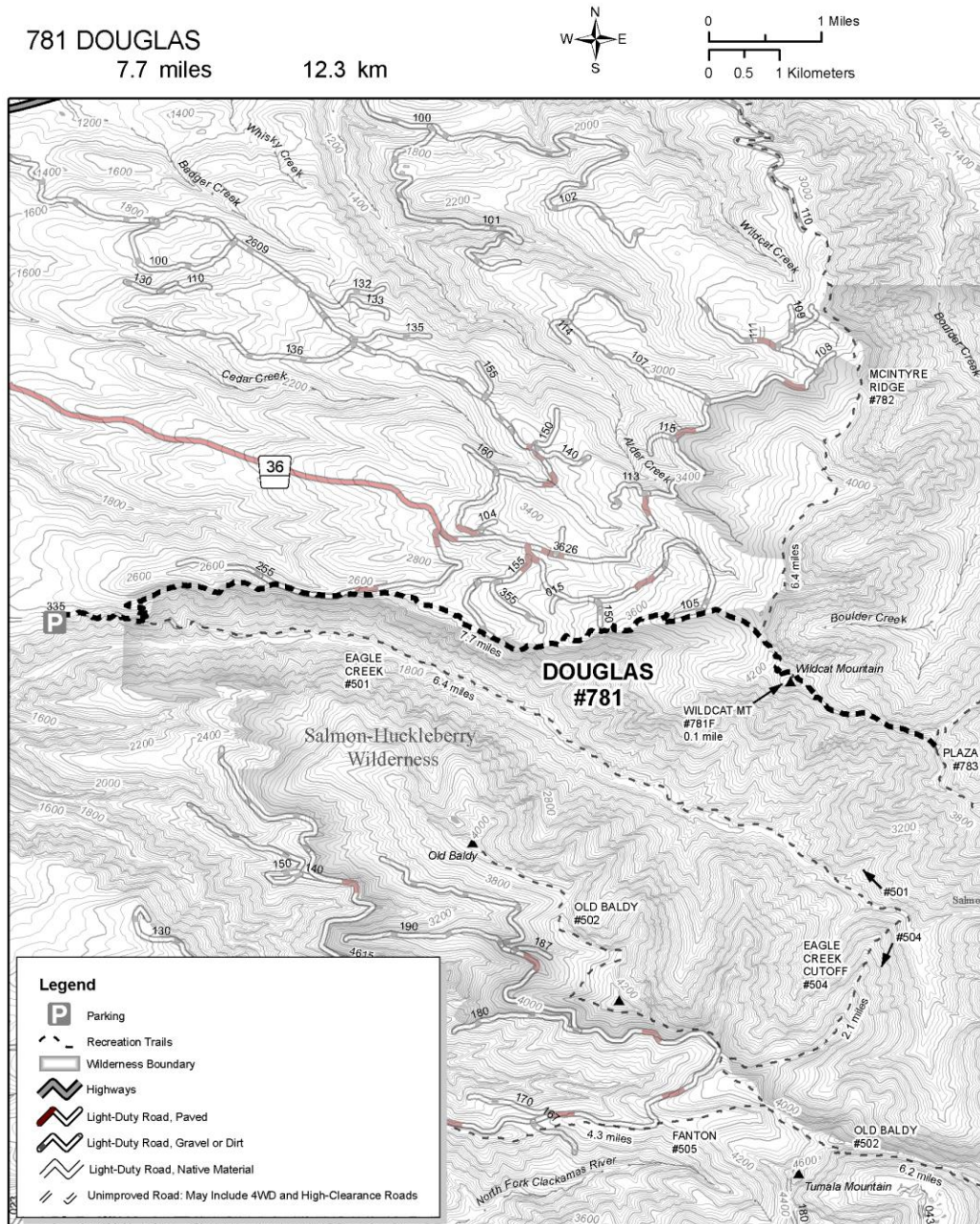
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Directions to Trailhead: From Portland, follow US Hwy 26 for 2.7 miles east of Sandy and take a slight right at SE Firwood Road. After 0.8 miles, take the third right to say on SE Firwood Road. Travel another 2.6 miles on SE Firwood and turn right at SE Wildcat Mountain Drive. Travel 1.2 miles on SE Wildcat Mountain Drive and turn left at SE Howlett Road. Travel 0.2 miles on SE Howlett Road and continue onto SE Eagle Fern Road. Travel 2.8 miles on SE Eagle Fern Road and continue onto SE George Road. Travel 2.6 miles on SE George Road and turn left to stay on SE George Road Road. Travel 3.4 miles and turn right at SE Harvey Road. Travel 1.8 miles on SE Harvey Road to the parking area where the trail begins. The trail heads downhill from here.



Recommended maps: Zigzag Ranger District

